

August 12, 1946

MEMORANDUM FOR THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR:

Subject: Summary of the Congressional Record.

1. The attached copy of the daily summary of the Congressional Record prepared for the Department of State by its Congressional Relations Office, together with a memorandum from the Acting Chief, Inter-departmental Coordinating and Planning Staff, has been noted.

2. All bills upon which action was not completed upon the adjournment sine die of the 79th Congress on 2 August 1946 are presently considered dead. They can only be revived if the 79th Congress is called back in special session between now and the meeting of the 80th Congress on 3 January 1947.

3. If there is no special session of the 79th Congress (and none is in prospect) the bills upon which action has not been completed cannot be revived, and they must be reintroduced in the 80th Congress which will start with a clean legislative slate.

4. For the reasons set forth in paragraphs 2 and 3 above, it would, therefore, not appear to be appropriate to issue at this time, a summary of bills affecting intelligence, as this summary would be dealing with legislation which to all intents and purposes is now dead, a great part of which may not be revived.

5. During the past weeks, Mr. Pforzheimer has prepared a digest of important legislation for the Office of the Director. However, as wider dissemination of this material would appear to be appropriate, it is felt that the idea expressed in the basic communication is a good one, but it would appear that a legislative summary on matters of interest to CIG personnel should not be instituted until the opening of the 80th Congress in January, unless there is a prior special session.

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